

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act, R.I.G.L. 42-46-6 (a) and (b), the public is hereby notified that the Public Utilities Commission will hold an open meeting on **Friday, November 29, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.** in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for the purpose of discussing the following dockets:

**1725 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Service (Termination Rules)** – Review and Rule on whether an emergency exists such that the Public Utilities Commission should promulgate emergency rules to be implemented immediately to reduce payment plans required by customers whose service has been terminated or who have a termination date scheduled. Specifically, the Commission will consider whether the following emergency rule should be promulgated under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-3(b) to amend Part V, Section 4 of the Termination Rules as follows:

From November 29, 2013 through December 31, 2013, any residential customer whose utility service has been terminated by National Grid for non-payment or who has a Termination date scheduled, will be entitled to have such service restored by National Grid upon satisfaction of two of the following conditions:

- (a) for a customer owing less than \$1000, 20% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 18 months;
- (b) for a customer owing at least \$1000 but less than \$2500, 15% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 24 months;
- (c) for a customer owing \$2500 or more, 10% of the balance owed must be paid and the remainder of that balance must be paid within 36 months unless the Company chooses to extend such time period;
- (d) the customer requesting a payment plan under this provision, Part V, Section 4(G), either did not participate in one of the plans listed in Part V, Section 4(G)(a)-(c) in a prior year or did participate and currently has a balance due on his or her account that is the same or less than that customer had upon enrollment in a prior year plan listed in Part V, Section 4(G)(a)-(c).

In addition to the down payments specified above, customers must pay current bills within the time period allowed by National Grid. A formal commitment to receive funds from any social service agency by December 31, 2013 for either all or part of the down payment required above shall be considered as compliance with the provisions of this rule provided that customer has satisfied the other conditions set forth above.

Cynthia G. Wilson-Frias, Senior Legal Counsel  
November 27, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

